



REFORMERS – “I WILL PREPARE THE WAY”

LESSON OVERVIEW

Revelation: I Will Prepare the Way

Bible Lesson: Mark 8:27-33, John 18:3-11, Luke 22:54-63, and Acts

Heart: Peter wanted to reform and prepare the way for Jesus in his own ways.

Jesus was reforming Peter and making the crooked ways in Peter straight so that when Jesus went to Heaven, Peter could walk in the fullness that God had for him

Memory Verse: “Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight paths for Him.” – Matthew 3:3

GAME

- Musical Chairs
- 4-Corners
- Playground

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Page Team Lead for all communication of needs (supplies, parent assistance, medical, restroom breaks)
- NEVER leave the classroom without paging Team Lead
- NEVER be alone with a child – this includes one on one conversations
- NO pictures or video recording is allowed in the classroom
- Every child and serve team member MUST wear their name tag

RULES

- Respect

DECLARATION

“I am a child of God, full of His Holy Spirit. I am learning His ways. I am made to encounter and connect with Him daily. I am walking in His favor and carrying His presence wherever I go.”

CONNECT WITH GOD FOCUS

- Reformation



REVELATION

Reformation means to make the crooked way straight, to make the wrong things right in Gods sight. Reformation prepares the way for Jesus' return.

We have discovered:

- Reformation Starts in Me. To be a Reformer you must first ask Holy Spirit to make the wrong things right in you.
- Less of Me More of You. As a Reformer, you will prepare the way for Jesus to return. The ways of Jesus will become more, and your own ways will become less.
- I Want What God Wants. Queen Esther saved the Jews and how God had a plan because she wanted what He wanted.

Today we will look at the life of Peter. Peter was a passionate reformer, but he didn't always reform what was wrong in Gods sight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Reformation prepares the way for Jesus when we reform Gods way.

Reformation isn't making wrong things right in YOUR own ways, it is making the wrong things right Gods way!

Our revelation today is I WILL PREPARE THE WAY

Let's pray, Holy Spirit, we welcome you here, we don't make room for you, but we give you the entire room. We ask you to teach us your ways so that we may know you and find your favor. Speak Lord, your servants are listening. Amen.

BIBLE LESSON

TEACHER PROMPT | If you memorize this story and this lesson, it will help you teach it in excellence and allow Holy Spirit to speak to you and through you.

BIBLE LESSON INTRO | Mark 8:27-33, John 18:3-11, Luke 22:54-63, and Acts



The crooked ways in Peter blinded him from the truth. When Jesus told Peter he would deny him 3 times Peter responded by saying, “I would never deny you Jesus!” But then he did. Peter couldn’t prepare the way for the greatest reformer, Jesus, until the crooked ways in him were made straight. What Jesus did on the cross made a way for Peter to be reformed. It was only then that Peter was able to receive Jesus’ heart and mind.

Jesus forgave Peter and it was then that he received the blueprints to His heart and mind for His sheep. The blueprints instructed him to feed His followers with the Good News that Jesus raised from the dead, and this would prepare the way for Jesus’ return.

Our revelation today is, I Will Prepare the Way

ACTIVATION | Maybe some of you in the room are thinking “I would never deny Jesus like Peter did, I love Jesus.” Did you know when you choose to disobey, when you don’t stand up for what is right in God’s eyes, or when you don’t share knowing Jesus with others, these are all ways of denying Him like Peter did? Let’s take a moment to close our eyes and ask Holy Spirit to show us any crooked ways within us. Ask Him to show you any ways that you have denied Him lately. (Pause and allow for Holy Spirit to minister.)

TEACHER PROMPT | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. You can ask questions such as “What crooked ways are in you that are stopping you from preparing the way for Jesus’ return?” “When you are preparing the way for Jesus, is it your ways or His ways?”. Lead children into an encounter with the Lord.

SALVATION + DISCUSSION

TEACHER PROMPT | This invitation to an eternity with Jesus is huge! Be sensitive to what Holy Spirit wants to do in this time. Ask Him to think through your thoughts and speak through your mouth!

SAY | God loves YOU so much that He gave his only Son that anyone who believes, in Jesus, might be saved and have everlasting life, John 3:16. God wants to be close to you. He has taken every step to be close to you. If you have never accepted



Jesus into your heart, you can today! (You can invite children to raise hands, come forward, etc. have everyone repeat prayer together)

PRAYER | Father God you are Holy. Holy Spirit, we thank you for all that you teach us and that we get to know you Jesus, we thank you for laying down your life so that we can be close to you. Jesus, would you forgive us from our sins. Would you come live in our heart forever. Amen.

CELEBRATION | At TLC one of our values is Celebration. If you made this amazing decision to give your life to Jesus today, please stand up so we can CELEBRATE YOU! Let's Celebrate our friends who gave their life to Jesus today! WOOHOO!!

NOTE | List names of any child that received Jesus today on the Feedback Sheet

ASK | Encourage children to participate by answering the below questions:

- + What did Holy Spirit highlight to you in this story today?
- + How do you think you would react in this situation if you were there?
- + What is our memory verse?
- + What was our revelation?
- + What was our Bible Lesson about?

BENEDICTION PRAYER

"Teach us your ways that we may know you and find your favor." – Exodus 33:13

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What was our memory verse?

("Prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight paths for him" Matthew 3:3c NIRV)

2. What was our revelation?

(I will prepare the way)

3. What was our Bible Story about?



(Peters life and denying Jesus but Jesus forgives Him and shares with him the blueprints of heaven)

4. How many times did Peter deny Jesus?

(3 times.)

5. Name some crooked ways in Peter.

(Rebukes Jesus, denies Him, cuts off guys ear, etc.)

6. What did Jesus tell Peter to do after He raised from the dead?

(Feed and take care of His sheep (His people).)

TEACHER PROMPT | Fill in the blank with the number of salvations: _____

Your name and classroom name: _____

Feedback: _____

[illegible]

Celebrations: _____
